



**SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2015, 5:30 PM
SVMA TERMINAL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jackson called the meeting of the Airport Commission to order at 5:34 P.M. in the Terminal Building of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Frank Jackson, George Pohlman, Felicia Tucker, John Voishan, Arthur Weisberger, and Lee Gray (non-voting).

Absent: James Short.

ATTENDEES:

City of Sierra Vista: Rachel Gray (Council Liaison), Sharon Flissar (City Engineer), Simone McFarland (Economic Development Manager), and Yvette Matthias.

Public: Carolyn Thompson (LAAF Manager), Leo Scherping (EAA 776/Tenant), Mary Jackson, Darnell Rambert, and Derek Jordan (SV Herald).

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in the audience introduced themselves.

ACCOLADES FOR AVIATORS AND FRIENDS OF THE AIRPORT: Commissioner Voishan gave accolades to Carol, her staff, and tower control for a terrific job dealing with a mix of airplanes. Chairman Jackson added that Carol and her staff do a good job making the use of the shared military runway almost seamless.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – JULY 8, 2015:

Motion made by Commissioner Weisberger to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Voishan. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 10, 2015 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Economic Development Plan - Simone McFarland, economic development manager:

Ms. McFarland shared her background, then presented the economic development plan and explained the process for implementation. She mentioned that Judy Hector will debut the Sierra Vista brand at the Spotlight Breakfast Tuesday, August 11 at the Windermere. Simone answered various commission questions then asked the commission about their vision for the airport. Some of the ideas shared included: a vibrant airport community where hangars are filled, an airport that would be a base for specialty aircraft shops, a small airline that would provide flights out of Sierra Vista, an opportunity to explore a restaurant at the airport, a support facility for commercial customers, and a loaner vehicle for general aviation pilots.

REPORTS:

Airport Operations Report – Public Works:

- Airport Updates- Sharon Flissar
 - Reminder: Open meeting law training is July 23 and August 6. RSVP to Jill Adams, city clerk.
 - The fuel rebates went into effect July 1. In order to receive the rebate on the general aviation fuel, keep fuel receipts then contact Iggy so he can process the rebate.
 - The annual meeting with the FAA in Phoenix on the airport capital improvement program went well. There may be funding for the Taxiway “P” lighting project, so it will move up on the priority list since it is a safety project. Taxiway G & J Project will continue to move forward with designs about 100% complete. Grants requests will be submitted for both projects. In the mean time, the streets supervisor Jeff will see if there is a way to stabilize the corner of Taxiway J to G where the material is degrading. Sharon also mentioned that the department will talk to ADOT about getting the repair on the pavement maintenance repair list.
 - There is a free month incentive for tenants who make hangar recommendations.

Fort Huachuca/Libby Army Airfield - Carol Thompson:

- Exercise involving small aerostats on East Range. From 8 Jul through 24 Jul, there will be two small aerostats operating below 1,000 ft AGL on the East Range; one at Humor DZ (drop zone) and the other at Hyena DZ (see attachment). Note: It is a small aerostat hooked to a vehicle. They should not be operating on the weekends. July 13 -17 & 21-24, 730-1400.
- Bradys will be operating out of Libby and Hubbard LZ 27-31 Jul 15.
- South Ramp construction is ongoing.
- Carol advised that the Angel Thunder joint rescue exercise in June went well.



Ft. Huachuca East
Range LZ & DZ.pdf

City Report - Rachel Gray:

- Current Events
 - There was a 6-1 vote to approve the tentative budget that was capped at approximately \$71 million. The budget should be finalized in July.
 - There is a proposal to increase the Retail Transaction Privilege Tax (sales tax) from 1.75% to 1.95% that will be voted in August with a 60-day public notice.

Commission Report:

- Copperstate 2015 – Chairman Jackson explained that the Copperstate is a large southwest regional fly-in in Casa Grande. Commissioners Tucker and Voishan shared their experience preparing and attending the 2014 Copperstate event to promote the City of Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The Copperstate event is October 22-24, 2015.
- EAA Young Eagles Airlift - Leo Scherping clarified that the event is a fly-in. Chairman Jackson, explained that the local EAA chapter, have flown approximately 9,400 children since 1993. Leo stated that the event is a joint venture between the EAA and the City of Sierra Vista that is held the first Friday and Saturday in November from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This year it will be November 6 and 7. Thursday is designated for set up, Friday is a school field trip day, and Saturday is open to the public. On Saturday, there is a breakfast with pancakes along with chorizo and eggs. Volunteers are needed to escort children.

- Dick McColley Memorial – Tabled.
- APC Member Status - Chairman Jackson mentioned that Darnell is interested in filling the commission vacancy. Commissioner Pohlman submitted his application for membership renewal. Commissioners Tucker and Jackson will submit their applications before the August meeting.
- Vacant Hangars – Commissioner Weisberger inquired if there are still 22 vacant hangars. Yvette Matthias confirmed there are 22 vacant hangars.
- Expanded Tenant Participation - Chairman Jackson said he is still working on the expanded participation and mentioned ideas are welcome.

CALL TO PUBLIC

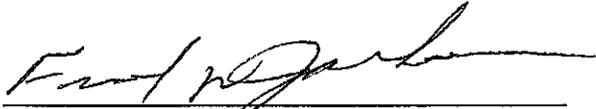
None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Pohlman announced the airlift is November 14, an event where they collect food and clothing and fly to Window Rock.
- Commissioners mentioned that they enjoyed Simone's presentation and thanked her for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Pohlman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tucker. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Frank Jackson, Chairman